

Eye Use and Abuse.

Those tired eyes of yours will stand lots of abuse, yet there is a limit to their patience and their power. You may worry along for quite a while, but there will come a time when you will regret your present indifference.

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THE ELEPHANT IN BATTLE.

Most Docile Yet Courageous and Faithful of Animals.

Of the docility of the elephant there is no need to multiply examples. It is said that in India native women sometimes when called away intrust their babies to the care of "the handed one," confident that they will be safe and tenderly handled.

But of all elephant stories surely the best is that which tells how the standard bearing elephant of the Peshwa won a great victory for its Maharaja lord. At the moment when the elephant had been told to halt its march was killed. The shock of battle closed around it, and the Maharaja forces were borne back, but still the elephant stood, and the standard which it carried still flew, so that the Peshwa's soldiers could not believe that they were indeed being overcome and rallying. In their turn drove the enemy backward till the tide swept past the rooted elephant and left it towering colossal among the slain. The fight was over and won, and then they would have had the elephant move from the battlefield, but it waited still for the dead man's voice.

For three days and nights it remained where it had been told to remain, and neither bribe nor threat would move it till they sent to the village on the Nerbudda, a hundred miles away, and fetched the mahout's little son, a round eyed, blushing child, and then at last the hero of that victorious day, remembering how its master had often in brief absence delegated authority to the child, confessed its allegiance and with the shattered battle harness clung at each stately stride swung slowly along the road behind the boy.

—London Times.

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MAGNETISM.

Some of the Peculiar Properties of This Strange Force.

The true nature of magnetism as such, of course, is not known. All that we can be sure of is that magnetic attraction does not radiate outward in all directions as does light, but simply acts along lines consisting of closed curves and called lines of force, these lines connecting the two poles and not extending very far outward between them. These curves may be found very nicely by placing a horseshoe magnet under a thin sheet of paper and sprinkling iron filings on top. The filings will collect along the lines.

Now, as to the different kinds of magnets, there are natural, artificial and electro magnets. The natural ones are found as magnetic ore in the earth, the artificial ones are made by stroking a piece of iron or steel with a magnet, and the electro magnets are caused by the action of an electric current.

Some peculiar things have been noted in regard to magnetism, among which are the following facts:

It has been observed that fire irons that have rested in one position during the summer months are often highly magnetized, no doubt having been caused by the magnetism of the earth itself by the process known as induction. Other iron articles that stay in one position and do not come in contact with fire or other heat are often found in the same condition, such as iron bars to fall windows and iron railings in front of houses.

The most peculiar observation made, however, was that the upper part of the steel tire of a carriage wheel attracts the north pole of a magnet, while the bottom part, or part in contact with the earth, attracts the south pole. This is in the northern hemisphere only and is fully in accord with the theory of induced magnetism. Of course in the southern hemisphere, where the earth is under the influence of the south magnetic pole, the conditions are reversed.

A magnet dipped into boiling water loses a great part of its magnetism, which is miraculously restored to it on becoming cool again.

A sharp blow given to a magnet will cause it to lose its magnetism. Also the application of heat will have a like effect.

If a magnetic needle be placed over a rapidly revolving plate of copper, although it be separated from it by a thick plate of glass, the needle will revolve in the same direction as the plate.—Exchange.

Wrongly Placed.

It is astonishing sometimes how unconsciously careless we are of the feelings of the person to whom we are talking. A young guardsman told me the other day that a friend of his went with him to consult his lawyer. The solicitor, a shrewd looking and kindly old gentleman, was listening to an irate explanation of how his clerk had failed to do something that had been expected of him. "Yes, you are quite right, it was his fault," said the solicitor.

"But why are these confounded lawyers' clerks so stupid?" asked the angry soldier.

"I do not know, my dear sir," replied the solicitor kindly, "but would you mind alluding to them as 'lawyers' confounded clerks'?"—London M. A. P.

A Strenuous Hint.

He had been a regular Sunday caller for six months, when one evening he dropped in arrayed in a new suit.

"That's a lovely wedding suit you have on," remarked the dear girl.

"Why?" gasped the astonished young man, "it is a business suit."

"Well," rejoined the d. g. calmly, "I mean business."

And the very next day he put up \$19.98 of his hard earned wealth for a solitaire.—Chicago News.

The Reason.

"Why do so many women rest their chins on their hands when they are trying to think?"

"To hold their mouths shut so that they won't disturb themselves."—Cleveland Leader.

HUNTING ROCK HARES.

A curious example of generous obstinacy was a stout English countryman who inquired for a nice book to read—"one with a story in." On several being placed before him, he examined them attentively and picked out the middle volume of a "three decker" with the remark: "This 'ere's my sort. What's the price?"

"Oh," was the reply, "this is only the second volume. The story goes through three. The set is half a crown."

"Have a crown! Well, I'll gie ye that for that one book. It's a pretty one enough."

"But won't you have the other two as well? You'd better."

"Naw. I don't like th' beginnin' of a story. I can't get forrard wi' it. An' I don't like th' endin'. I don't know as 'ow it's comed about. But in th' middle un I'm into th' thick of it right off. No, I'll tak' th' middle un. It'll set me up for a month." And, cramming the book into his pocket, he put down his half crown and disappeared with a "Good night" before the other volumes could be given to him.—Chambers' Journal.

The Diamond Remains a Mystery.

As a substance the diamond is one of the mysteries of nature, one of the despairs of science. Nobody knows whence it came or how, whether it is a spark from a comet's tail or a crystallized drop squeezed in some horrible intensity of fiery convulsion from the white hot insurgent heart of the earth. Nobody knows much about it at all, except that it doesn't belong to this world. Some known black diamonds literally were from the skies. They came imbedded in meteorites east upon Arizona and Chile by an unidentified star. One does not prospect for chips of stars. As well search for the end of the rainbow. Neither is it practical to hammer all sorts of eruptive rock and conglomerate where ever come upon. Earthquake or volcanic upheaval districts are not necessarily the most promising, for often diamonds that seem to have had volcanic origin occur thousands of miles from the probable place of extrusion, carried thence, it is assumed, by glacial drift in some far back geological time.—Franklin Clarkin in Everybody's Magazine.

Struck a Bargain.

An old woman recently entered an optician's shop and asked to look at some spectacles. Choosing a pair, she asked the price.

"Five shillings," was the answer.

"And how much are they without the case?"

"I could not sell them for less than 4s. 10d.," said the tradesman, who was determined to get all he could.

"Do you only take off twopence for the case?" queried the woman.

"That is all. The case is worth no more than twopence," was the reply.

"That is good news," ejaculated the old lady, with a sigh of relief. "It's the case for mine which I have lost."

So saying, she laid down the twopence and marched off with the coveted case before the astonished shopkeeper had time to interfere.—London Mail.

Taking After Father.

"It has its father's nose!"

"And its mother's eyes!"

"And Aunt Alice's mouth!"

"And Uncle Ebenezer's ears!"

Such multiplied bits about a hundred, were the criticisms leveled by kind friends against the Fitzhoodle baby.

Then the unconcerned baby began to calmly chew his big toe.

"Ah," murmured Mr. Fitzhoodle, "Baby is certainly endowed with some of my wife's chief characteristics!"

"Not to mention you, Fritz Fitzhoodle," snipped his wife. "Baby never opens his mouth without putting his foot in it!"

Maternal Instinct.

We talk about "maternal instinct." There is no such thing. To be sure, there are things that have to do with young which females possess and males lack. The wasp lays its egg on the body of the caterpillar for the larva it will never see. The hen sits twenty-one days on any roundish, whitish object of the proper size. I have seen at a children's party every little girl leave the supper table on the advent of a baby and every little boy go stolidly on with his supper. But each kind of mother has its own bundle of instinctive reactions. There is no "maternal instinct" in the abstract.—McClure's Magazine.

Worrying About His Gas Bill.

"Madam, your husband has gas trills."

"Well, I do my best, doctor, to keep him away from the meter, but he will spend a lot of time in that damp cellar studying it."—New York Press.

So There.

"Of course you will get a flat when you are married and keep house?"

"George isn't such a flat as some people who are envious think he is, and it's none of your business if we keep house or board!"—Exchange.

A Fleet Little Animal Found Among the Sand Hills of Arabia.

How long the Arab has inhabited the deserts of the near east is a much discussed question. How long he has indulged in the old time sport of falconry is equally difficult to say. Sure it is that this keen blooded race has not lived all these centuries in those sun scorched wastes without some sort of recreation, and his delights today are probably much the same as those of his ancestors a couple of thousand years ago.

Curious to see what natural sport these barren regions could afford, the writer accepted an invitation to join a party of Syrian Arabs for a week's hunting. Our quarry was the rock hare, an animal about the size of an English rabbit, but with very fine developed ears, which frequents these deserts in small numbers, living on what scanty herbage it can find.

We started straight away in search of it by forming a chain about a quarter of a mile long and drawing likely tracts of desert to long semicircular sweeps. The herbage was very scant indeed. These sand hills, being scorched by a tropical sun and having a yearly rainfall of only some three inches, support but few plants of any kind. I noticed a few insectivorous birds pursuing their prey with keen voracity, as though they found it hard to make a living, but saw no trace of wild animals.

On we marched in silent order, merely following the lead of our falcon bearer, whose face seemed invariably, his manner unmoved. Hours passed by. It was now 11 o'clock. The sun was hot above us, drying up our parched lips. I began to think that rock hares must be a myth when suddenly the bound leaped forward with a great bound, our horses instinctively following at full gallop. But we had not far to go. It was only a "gas hour." The hound was soon up to it, and I thought it was all over; but, no, the little creature leaped, as it were, right out of his mouth.

One spring brought the greyhound alongside again, but again this agile quadruped had slipped out of the grasp of his sharp teeth. The speed of the tiny thing was so great and his actions so sudden that it was as much as the eye could do to follow it at all. Again its great pursuer sprang upon it; again this nimble animal slipped from his very jaws. But it was no good. It was outclassed in size. These great leaps shook the very life breath from its frail body.

At last it fell an easy prey to its relentless enemy, and one crunch put an end to its miseries. It was an interesting little beast, its body about the size of a rat. It carried a fine long coat, was gray on the back, with white under the belly, having a long bony tail with a pretty tuft at the end. But its hind legs were its great feature. They were very long, being, like those of the kangaroo, specially adapted for jumping. I noted, too, that each hind foot was provided with only three toes, whereas on those of the fore legs, which were very short, there were the normal five. Altogether it was a most interesting and sporting specimen.—"Near East."

Descendants of David.

The history of the Sassoons is one of the most dramatic in the very dramatic story of the Hebrew race. The original Sassoon was a Bombay merchant, but the family is descended from a group known as Ibn Shoshan, who at one time held the position of nassi of Toledo. The name Shoshan, which signifies "lily" in Hebrew, was gradually transformed into Sassoon, signifying "gladness." The family claim Davidic descent, and Abraham Sassoon, who flourished in the seventeenth century, stated that he was a direct descendant of Shephatiah, the fifth son of David. Not only are there many references to the name in Hebrew mediaeval literature, but mention of it is made in the Talmud.—London M. A. P.

A Little Crowded.

A backwoodsman went to New York city for the first time, says the Saturday Evening Post. He stopped at a Broadway hotel which was pretty well downtown. Next morning his nephew, who lives in New York, came to take him out and show him the sights. They walked down Broadway until they got to Canal street. The backwoodsman stopped and contemplated the great congestion of traffic there, hundreds of trucks going every way.

"Son," he said to his nephew, "you have a nice city here, but it 'pears to me that your folks is a hull passel behind in their haulin'."

Must Suit All Tastes.

"My wife wonders why the papers waste so much space on mere news."

"What does she read?"

"Oh, she reads the weather probabilities, the bargain probabilities, the marriage notices and the love story. But an item about a big battle or the fall of a dynasty looks piffing to her."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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